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(the 7th of *Novemb.* last) endeavoured to the best of my skill &
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me, (according to my Conscience) to put a speedy and happy period
to our *unnaturall* long-lasting bloody *Warres*, and settle a *firm well-*
grounded peace, upon such Terms of *honor, freedom, safety, & advantage*,
as no Subjects under Heaven ever yet enjoyed from the Creation til this
present, What my indefatigable endeavours were herein, in drawing up
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thing but yours and the whole Kingdomes felicity and prosperity, not a
ny private interest of mine owne) I have sent you here in print, being
falsely charged by a new erected *Generall Councell* of *Officers* of the
Army (who have *trayterously* usurped to themselves the *supream* *Au-*
thority of the *Kingdom*, & against the knowne *Priviledges* of *Parlia.*
the *Liberty* of the *Subjects*, and the *Law* of the *Land* forcibly seised on
my selfe, and divers other *eminent Members* going to the House to
discharge our duties, on the 6th. and 7th. of *December* last, in pursu-

ance of the *Treaty*, and secluded me and them from sitting there ever
 since, to yours and the whole Kingdomes prejudice) among other secu-
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 late unparrallel'd exorbitances and proceedings both against the *King*,
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 desiring your speedy resolution of this Question, *Whether in that here*
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